

## December Monthly Educational Module

### “The Mississippi River Facts and FAQs”

#### Day 1

This is our last Monthly Module and we are going out with a BANG! Since our main money maker at the Lower Mississippi River Forecast Center is the Mississippi River, we thought we would end with some Mississippi River Facts and Frequently Asked Questions. To start, let's find out how long the Mississippi River actual is. Check out the graphic below to learn more!

## MS River Facts and FAQs

### How long is the MS River?

- The length of the Mississippi River is actually a disputed concept amongst agencies; however, according the USGS, the Mississippi River is 2,340 miles long.
- Fun fact: Did you know the Missouri River is actually longer than the Mississippi River? The Missouri River measures 2,540 miles in length.



Upper  
Mississippi  
River near  
Brady's Bluff;  
Source: USGS

Lower  
Mississippi  
River near  
Baton Rouge,  
LA; Source:  
USGS



## Day 2

Previously, we talked about how long the Mississippi River is, and now it is time to find out how wide the Mississippi River is. Check out the graphic below to find out!

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## What is the widest part of the MS River?

The widest part of the Mississippi River is actually not in the LMRFC area. The widest navigable part of the Mississippi River is at Lake Pepin. Here the Mississippi River is nearly 2 miles wide. Lake Pepin is a naturally occurring lake on the Mississippi River. It is located downstream of Saint Paul, Minnesota.



U.S. Army Corps. Of Engineers taking ice measurements on Lake Pepin.

Source: USACE





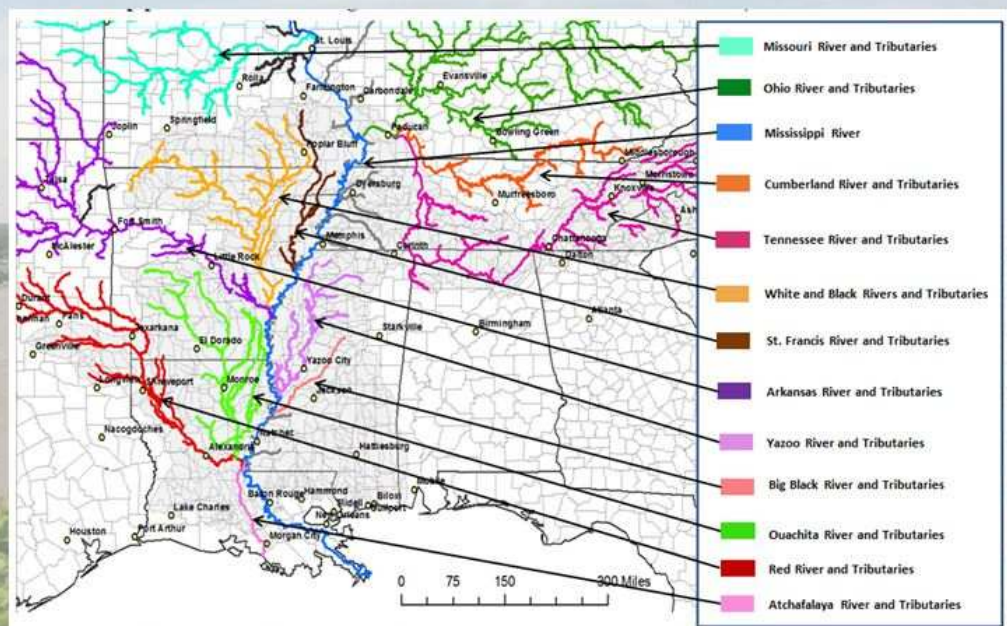
## Day 3

Have you ever wondered which rivers flow into the mighty Mississippi River? If you have, then you are in the luck! Check out the graphic below to learn all about the lower Mississippi River's tributaries!

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## Lower Mississippi River Tributaries

- Upper Mississippi River
- Ohio River
- Cumberland River
- Tennessee River
- Missouri River
- White River
- Black River
- St. Francis River
- Arkansas River
- Yazoo River
- Big Black River
- Ouachita River
- Red River



Note: Atchafalaya River is a distributary of the Mississippi River

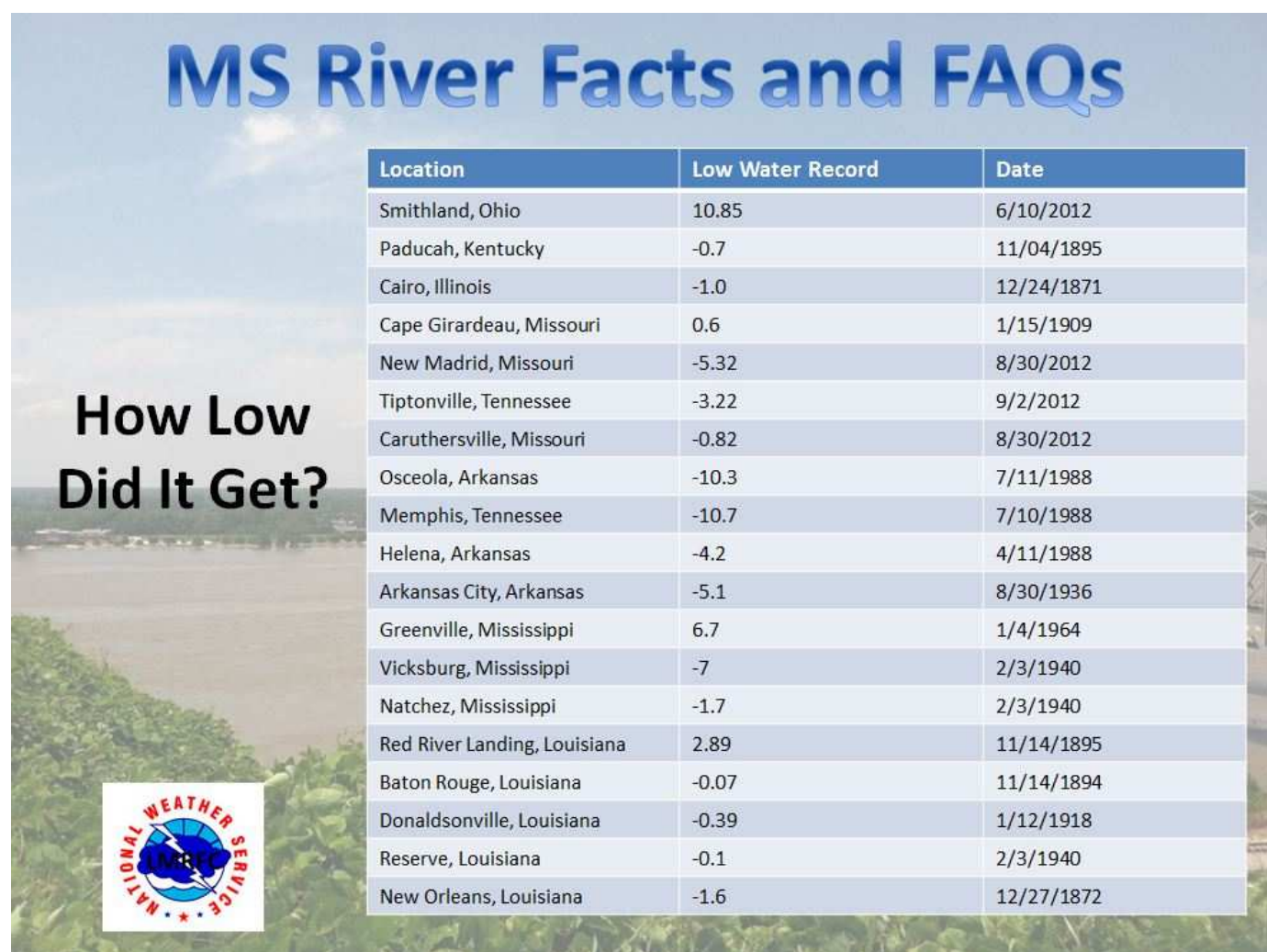
## Day 4

Next up, we are covering the Mississippi River's record crests! To see how high the MS River got in the LMRFC area, check out the graphic below.



## Day 5

Previously, we covered the record crests for the mighty Mississippi River, which means we will focus on the record lows on the MS River next. Check out the graphic below to see how low the MS River got in the LMRFC area.



We hope you have enjoyed our last Monthly Module, as well as all of the Monthly Modules over the past year. Stay tuned as we have a lot of exciting new things coming to you on social media for 2015.